



CALNE AND CHIPPENHAM
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

R E P O R T
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER, 1942.

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:-

C. L. BROOMHEAD, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H., of Lowden Lodge, Chippenham, has been Medical Officer of Health since 1st June, 1938, but has been absent on active service since October, 1939.

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH:-

COLONEL W. J. POWELL, O.I.E., M.D., D.P.H.
From October 1939 to 1st September 1941.

T. BROWN, M.D., D.P.H.
From 1st September, 1941, to March 1943.

R. D. GRAY, M.B., D.P.H., has been acting Medical Officer of Health since July 1943.

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR:-

E. W. STEVENS, F.R.I.P.H.H., M.R.San.I., A.M.Inst.S.E.
who also holds the posts of Building and Sanitary Surveyor and Waterworks Manager.

ADDITIONAL SANITARY INSPECTORS, &c.:-

G. E. WILLIAMS, Cert.S.I.B., M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

H. J. TAYLOR, Cert.S.I.B., M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Calne & Chippenham Rural District Council,

In the absence of your permanent Officer, Dr. Broomhead, and of your late temporary Officer, Dr. Brown, I have the honour to present a short Annual Report for the year ending December, 1942. This report, which has been made at the request of the Ministry of Health, is necessarily restricted to the presentation of the vital statistics, as I am not personally acquainted with the conditions existing in the area during the year 1942.

I should like to express my thanks to the officers and staff of the Council for their valuable assistance in this as in all other matters.

R. D. GRAY.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres)	86,034
Population (as estimated by the Registrar General)....	28,770
(as estimated by the Food Officer).....	26,465
Rateable value (December 1942).....	£147,164
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£ 626

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Live Births -

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate.	228	185	413
Illegitimate.	10	11	21
	<u>238</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>434</u>

Birth rate (per 1000 population)..... 15.1.
 Birth rate for E. & W..... 15.8

Still Births -

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate.	5	12	17
Illegitimate.	1	1	2
	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>

Rate (per 1000 total births)..... 39.8

Deaths -

	Male.	Female.	Total.
	162	92	254

Death rate (per 1000 population)..... 8.8
 Death rate for E. & W..... 11.6

Deaths of Infants under one year -

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate.	12	4	16
Illegitimate.	1	2	3
	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>19</u>

Death rate of Infants under one year of age -

All infants per 1000 live births..... 43.8
 Death rate for E. & W..... 49
 Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live
 births..... 38.7
 Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate
 live births..... 142.9

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Whooping Cough.		1	1
Tub. of Resp. sys.	3		3
Other forms of tuberculosis.	2		2
Syphilitic diseases.		1	1
Influenza.	2		2
Cancer of buccary & Oesoph.	3		3
Cancer of stomach & duodenum.		3	3
Cancer of breast.		3	3
Cancer of all other sites.	18	9	27
Diabetes.	2	1	3
Intra-cranial vascular lesions.	9	12	21
Heart Disease.	28	18	46
Other dis. of circ. sys.	7	4	11
Bronchitis.	11	3	14
Pneumonia.	8	3	11
Other resp. diseases.	3	2	5
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum.	5		5
Diarrhoea under 2 years.		1	1
Appendicitis.		1	1
Other digestive diseases.	6	3	9
Nephritis.	6	8	14
Other maternal causes.		1	1
Prem. births.	4		4
Conjugal birth inj: infant dis.	6	1	7
Suicide.		1	1
Road Traffic accidents.	10	1	11
Other violent causes.	9	4	13
All other causes.	20	11	31
	<u>162</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>254.</u>

NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES. CIVILIANS ONLY.

Scarlet Fever.....	38
Whooping Cough.....	52
Diphtheria.....	5
Erysipelas.....	9
Measles.....	6
Pneumonia.....	20
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	3

TUBERCULOSIS.
NEW CASES AND MORTALITY.

AGE GROUPS.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
0								
1			1				1	
5			1				1	
15	2	2						
25.	4			1	2			
35	2		1					
45	4	2		1		1		
55		1						
65 & upwards.								
	12	5	3	2	2	1	2	

